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1. The airfield is about 4 km east of Tallinn (59°26'N/24°45'E), Estonian S.S.R., between the new road and Tallinn-Leningrad rail-road line. The field extended about 2 km from north to south and about 3 km along the road. A runway was definitely seen in the middle of the field, extending from the eastern to the western edge. The western half of the runway had a light colored concrete surface, and the eastern half had a darker color and was either asphalted or rolled. *
2. The buildings on the western edge of the field included two hangars, about 70 to 80 meters long, steel structures with arched roofs; several assembly sheds, some of wood and some of brick, probably repair hangars; about three or four two-story brick buildings, probably dwellings; a small building with an antenna mast; a fuel dump; and a guardhouse with a barrier. **
3. The field was occupied by two biplanes, ten single-engine fighters, and some twin-engine and three-engine aircraft, including twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies.
4. There was individual and formation flying, firing at sleeve targets, and individual and group parachuting, from multi-engine aircraft. Parachuting was practiced about two hours daily. Group jumps were made by about six to eight men. Night flying and night firing at sleeve targets which were not illuminated were also observed. Multi-engine aircraft, including four-engine commercial and transport planes, landed at the field daily. No jet aircraft were seen. ***

* [REDACTED] Comment. The airfield is the Tallinn-Lasnamae field which was previously reported.

Most of the previous sources did not mention the runway, whereas one previous report stated that the construction of the runway started in 1947, and another previous source believed (sic) that a runway existed at the airfield. See

[REDACTED] From the present report, the existence of a runway is considered to be confirmed. The concrete western section of

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the runway was apparently later extended by an asphalt strip. Source could not state the exact length of the runway. Since it allegedly extends along the entire length of the field, it must be more than 2,000 meters long.

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** Comment. The description of the buildings and installations at the field seems to be correct as it generally agrees with previous information. Source did not remember the exact location of the fuel dump and radio installation. For sketch of airfield, see annex.

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** Comment. All previous sources reported fighters and multi-engine aircraft at the field, but the information on the number of aircraft varies considerably. According to two previous reports, the field was believed to be occupied by one regular fighter regiment. This assumption, however, is contradicted by the present report and another previous report, both of which state clearly that only ten fighters and the rest multi-engine aircraft were stationed at the field.

It is therefore believed that a mixed pilot school is possibly located at the field. According to all previous reports the parachute jumps possibly were made by DOZAV. The information that commercial planes made intermediate landings at the field was received previously.

Attachment: Sketch of Tallinn Airfield

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